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Raytheon in Louisville Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

Employees work more than 1 million hours without a lost-time incident

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (June 19, 2014) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined local and company officials at Raytheon Missile Systems' Louisville facility to honor employees with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The employees have worked 1,032,943 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts congratulated Raytheon and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM&AW) Local Lodge 830, which represents the employees of Raytheon in Louisville.

"Innovation and technology are key aspects of Raytheon, but obviously safety is an extremely important part of its culture," said Secretary Roberts. "This is a facility with a tremendously talented workforce, and it's clear that Raytheon values its employees and wants them to succeed and be safe at the same time. I give credit to Raytheon and Local Lodge 830 for that success."

Raytheon has more than 300 employees at the facility on Strawberry Lane in Louisville, which manufactures the Phalanx Close-in Weapon System, the SeaRAM Missile Defense System, the Rolling Airframe Missile Guided Missile Launching System, and the land-

based Phalanx Weapon System. Overall, Raytheon has approximately 63,000 employees worldwide, and is a technology and innovation leader specializing in defense, security and civil markets throughout the world.

"Helping employees adopt safer lifestyles not only improves the quality of their lives but also helps to reduce absenteeism, improve workplace productivity and can reduce overall costs to our business," said Keith Stewart, Raytheon's director of operations and site manager in Louisville. "Investing in safety is money well spent."

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor's Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Raytheon, the requirement is 750,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor's Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched kyhealthnow in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to significantly reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

For more on the Governor's Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click <u>here</u>.

For more on Raytheon, visit www.raytheon.com.

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responsibilities, power, and authority relating to labor, wage and hour issues, occupational safety and health of employees, child labor, apprenticeship, workers' compensation insurance, and all other matters under the jurisdiction of the Labor Cabinet. For more information, visit www.labor.ky.gov.

